

guardian, and the Constitution sets up a system where if something goes wrong with interpretation of the Constitution, we offer an amendment, because we, Mr. Speaker, are charged to be the protectors of what the Founding Fathers intended, and the Religious Freedom Amendment helps us to provide that protection.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. WATERS (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today through April 1, on account of official business.

Mr. YATES (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of physical reasons.

Mr. JEFFERSON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today through April 3, on account of official business.

Mr. McDERMOTT (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today through March 27, on account of official business.

Mr. RANGEL (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today through April 1, on account of official business.

Mr. STARK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and March 25, on account of official business.

Mr. ROYCE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today through April 1, on account of traveling on behalf of the Speaker of the House of Representatives with the President of the United States in Africa.

Mrs. CHENOWETH (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of illness.

Mr. CANNON (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week, on account of the birth of his child.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BORSKI) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FRANK, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HINCHEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KLINK, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. PELOSI, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MORAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WELDON of Florida) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. EWING, for 5 minutes, each day today and on March 25, 26, and 27.

Mrs. CUBIN, for 5 minutes, on March 25.

Mrs. KELLY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, on March 25.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, on March 25.

Mr. EHRLICH, for 5 minutes, on March 25.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, on March 25.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BORSKI) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. KIND.

Mr. MANTON.

Ms. NORTON.

Mr. HALL of Ohio.

Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

Mr. SCHUMER.

Mr. EVANS.

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

Mr. KUCINICH.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. PASCRELL.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. LIPINSKI.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mr. BENTSEN.

Mr. FATTAH.

Mr. FROST.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WELDON of Florida) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.

Mr. LEWIS of California.

Mr. RIGGS.

Mrs. ROUKEMA.

Mr. GINGRICH.

Mr. EVERETT.

Mr. SOLOMON.

Mr. COLLINS.

Mr. SMITH of Oregon.

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. ISTOOK) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. BASS.

Mr. TIERNEY.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD.

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.

Mr. CONYERS.

Mr. EVANS.

Mr. KANJORSKI.

Mr. TORRES.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 758. An act to make certain technical corrections to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ISTOOK. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 25, 1998, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8171. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Bamboo [Docket No. 96-082-2] received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

8172. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting his requests for an emergency FY 1998 supplemental appropriation of \$1,632.2 million for disaster relief activities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and accompanying amendment, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1107; (H. Doc. No. 105—234); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

8173. A letter from the Chairman, Panel to Review Long-Range Air Power, transmitting the report of the Panel To Review Long-Range Air Power, pursuant to Pub. L. 105—56 and Public Law 105—85, section 131; to the Committee on National Security.

8174. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Closure of Specified Groundfish Fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [Docket No. 971208298-8055-02; I.D. 031198A] received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

8175. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Rulings and determination letters [Rev. Proc. 98-28] received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8176. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Weighted Average Interest Rate Update [Notice 98-18] received March 24, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

8177. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting supplemental information on the proposed obligation of certain Cooperative Threat Reduction Program funds; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and National Security.